

## DAVIES, Sir ALFRED THOMAS, C.B. (1861 - 1949), the first Permanent Secretary (1907-25) of the Welsh Department of the Board of Education

**Name:** Alfred Thomas Davies

**Date of birth:** 1861

**Date of death:** 1949

**Parent:** William Davies

**Gender:** Male

**Occupation:** the first Permanent Secretary (1907-25) of the Welsh Department of the Board of Education

**Area of activity:** Education; Public and Social Service, Civil Administration

**Author:** Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born 11 March 1861 at Liverpool, son of William Davies, silk mercer; educated there and at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, he practised as a solicitor at Liverpool, 1883-1907, specialising in licensing law, and playing a prominent part in the temperance campaign in the city. He also served as secretary of various educational committees and trusts, and was from 1904 to 1907 a member of the Denbighshire County Council and its Education Committee. After his retirement from the Board, though he lived in England, he continued to interest himself in Welsh matters, founding the Ceiriog Memorial Institute at Glyn Ceiriog, and publishing (in addition to numerous pamphlets) two biographical volumes: *O.M.* (a memoir of [Sir Owen M. Edwards](#); 1946) and *The Lloyd George I knew* (1948). He was knighted in 1918, and was Dep. Lieutenant for Denbighshire and Buckinghamshire. Davies married twice, and had three sons and a daughter. He died 21 April 1949 at Brighton.

### Author

**Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins**, (1881 - 1969)

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